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Downtown Georgetown meter situation under review

Halton Hills Council decided Monday to establish a committee comprised of councillors and downtown Georgetown business people to determine if the parking meter fees in the Georgetown Central BIA area should be increased.

Council made its decision after hearing BIA General Manager Margaret Vint argue against the meter fee being increased from 25 cents per hour to 50 cents per hour.

On the basis of Ms. Vint's comments, Town council also decided to direct the newly-formed committee to determine if a warning system should be part of the parking meters in the BIA area. The warning system would appear after the expiration of time on the meter allowing for an additional 10 minutes grace period before the car would be ticketed.

Council's resolution also included that the parking meters located in the Wesleyan Street Parkling Lot be removed.

Traffic lights urged

Saying that the elderly, handicapped and the young are afraid to cross Highway 7 from Ewing Street in Georgetown because of the speeding traffic travelling along Hihway 7, Ewing Street resident Lena Emmerson urged Town council to install traffic lights at the Ewing Street Highway 7 intersection:

In response, several councillors agreed there was a safety problem at the intersection and as a result, council directed staff to investigate if traffic lights or a crosswalk should be installed at the intersection.

Complains of litter

Cook Street resident John Lindsay of Acton, told Town councillors Monday of several incidents in which those working on the construction of the Cobblehill Home Cooperative development project on Cook Street are littering his and other surrounding properties, and generally showing complete disregard for the area.

Mr. Lindsay told councillors how a fence surrounding the development came unhinged and the wind blew the fence into his van breaking a door window.

A month ago Mr. Lindsay was told the developer would pay for the window replacement cost. However no compensation has been forthcoming, said Mr. Lind-

Town councillors directed staff to contact the developer immediately to ensure the site is cleaned and Mr. Lindsay is reinbursed.

Bylaw criticized

Calling the Town's sign bylaw "discriminatory" Doug Robb president of Halton Hills company Marzo Glove Ltd. through a letter, urged council to either establish a fairer sign bylaw, eliminate the bylaw altogether, or temporarily suspend enforcement of the bylaw until the bylaw's ramifications on the local business community can be determined.

In the letter Mr. Robb states that while he was recently charged with violating the sign bylaw, other businesses have not been charged. The Town's policy of only investigating bylaw infractions upon receiving a public complaint is unfair and discriminatory he states. As a result of the charge and being forced to remove the sign, the

company experienced a significant loss in business, he wrote. Council directed staff to investigate the matter.

Canada Fitweek

Halton Hills Council Monday proclaimed May 24 to June 2 Canada Fitweek within the Town. As well, council also proclaimed May 6 to May 10 Nurses Week within the Town.

Site plan request
Town councillors directed

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Mayor Russ Miller Monday to write the province's Ministry of Natural Resources requesting the Town be able to obtain a copy of the updated version of the United Aggregate Limited site plan.

The MNR has said the Town can comment on the site plan but Town staff can't obtain a copy of the plan, said Mayor Miller. To this, all councillors asked bow does the MNR expect the Town to comment on a document the Town can't obtain.

Maple Avenue reconstruction design delayed by residents concerns

The preferred road reconstruction design for Maple Avenue in Georgetown won't be unveiled to the public as scheduled this April 18, Halton Hills councillors learned Monday.

Town Engineer Bob Austin said the unveiling has had to be postponed in order to address concerns raised by three Georgetown residents over the proposed road reconstruction design.

Two of the main concerns raised by John Minns, Ashley Ranson and Paul Robinson centre on two abandoned landfill sites located in proximity to the road reconstruction, and the resulting storm water drainage from development surrounding the road reconstruction.

The development under ques-

Disabled recognized

The Office for Disability Issues is now accepting nominations for the 1991 Community Action Awards. Twelve people, at least six of whom have disabilities, will be chosen as Award recipients from nominations collected from across Ontario.

"The program is designed to honour the achievements of men and women who have done much to improve the quality of life of Ontarians with disabilities," said Elaine Ziemba, Minister of Citizenship with Responsibility for Disability Issues.

Now in its sixth consecutive year, the Community Action Awards program has encompassed a wide range of achievements. Previous recipients have included Jean Little of Guelph, whose books for children have won numerous awards, has been a role model for visually impaired people; Gary Malkowski of Weston, now Parliamentary Assistant to the Ministry of Citizenship, who has promoted actively the interests of the deaf community in Ontario; and Glenn N. Crombie of Sudbury, president of Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology, who has developed programs and services to serve Ontario college students with special needs.

Nominations must be received by Friday, June 7, 1991. Nomination forms are available from the Ontario Office for Disability Issues, 2nd Floor, 700 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario M5G 1Z6 or by calling (416) 326-0111 (Voice/TDD) in Toronto or tollfree 1-800-387-4456 (Voice/TDD). tion is Kingsmill in the River Drive Mountainview Road area of Georgetown.

The development can only go ahead once road reconstruction on Maple Avenue gets the green light. The first phase of construction, which would be comprised of 175 housing units, is scheduled to be completed by the end of this October.

However, Town Engineer Peter Linn said if public concerns can't be resolved within the month, the construction completion date for the 175 units will have to be pushed back.

Mr. Linn said the Town's engineering department is scheduled to meet with residents today (Wednesday) to determine if the concerns raised can be resolved. It's Mr. Linn's hope a new date for the unveiling of the preferred road reconstruction design can be revealed within the next two to three weeks.

According to the brief submitted to Town engineers by Mr. Minns, Mr. Ranson and Mr. Robinson, the three suggest there could be leakage from the landfills as a result of the road reconstruction.

However Mr. Linn said there is a ravine separating Maple Avenue and the two abandoned landfills. That means even if road reconstruction disturbed the landfills any leakage would have to climb one side of the ravine to come in contact with any of the Kingsmill development. Mr. Linn said this kind of happening is next to impossible.

Also stated in the brief is the claim that increased storm water runoff into the Credit River once road reconstruction takes place and the development goes ahead would be harmful to the river.

Mr. Linn countered by saying that the Credit Valley Conservation Authority approved the increased levels of storm water discharge.

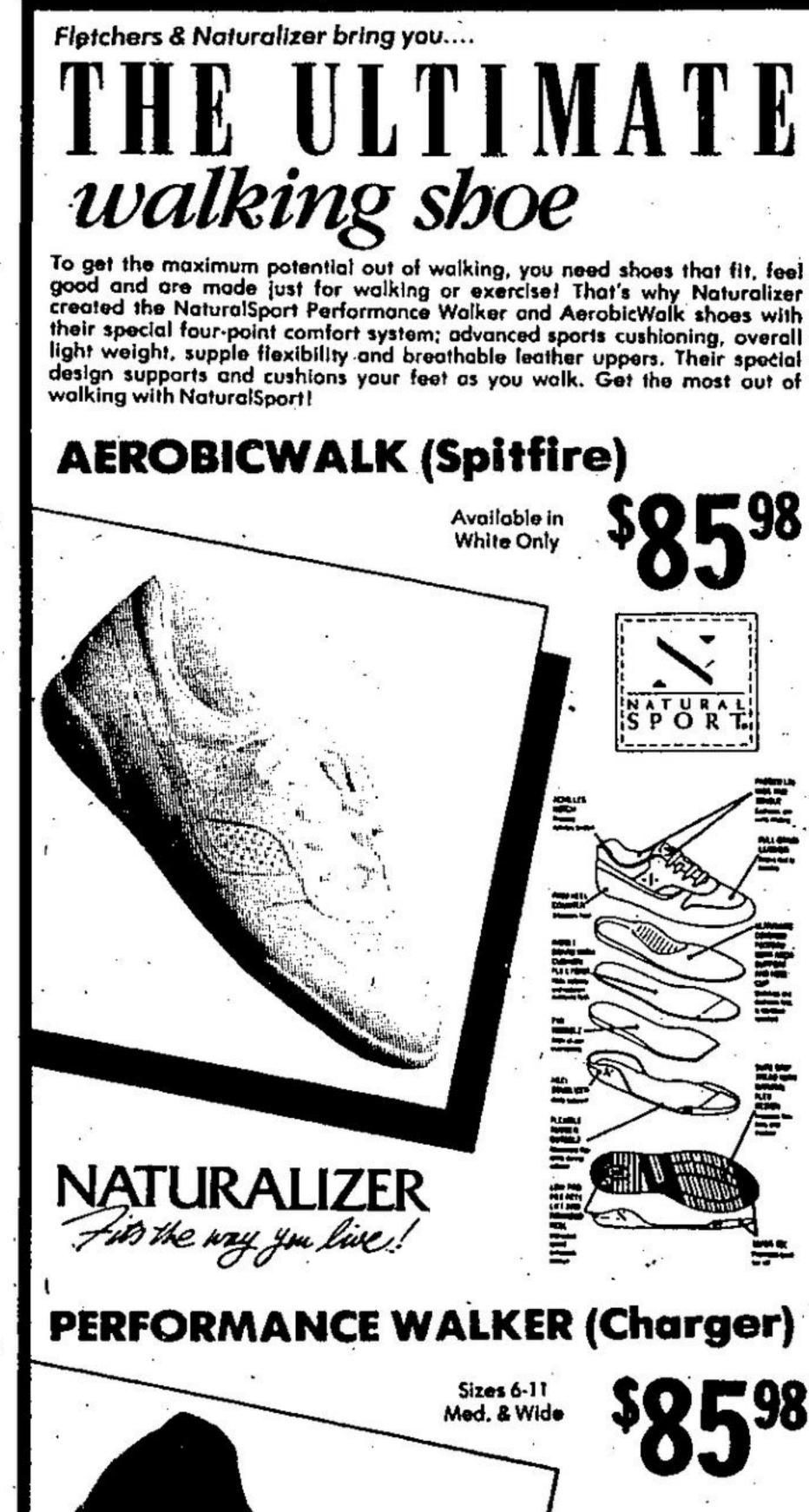
Mr. Ranson stressed Monday the concerns raised by himself, Mr. Minns and Mr. Robinson are legitimate. The group is not attempting to prevent the development from going ahead, he said. The brief submitted by the three also acknowledged that road reconstruction of Maple Avenue will improve the road's safety.

The three men also questioned the process the Town is following to ensure concerns surrounding the road reconstruction are met before the Town approves work on Maple Avenue.

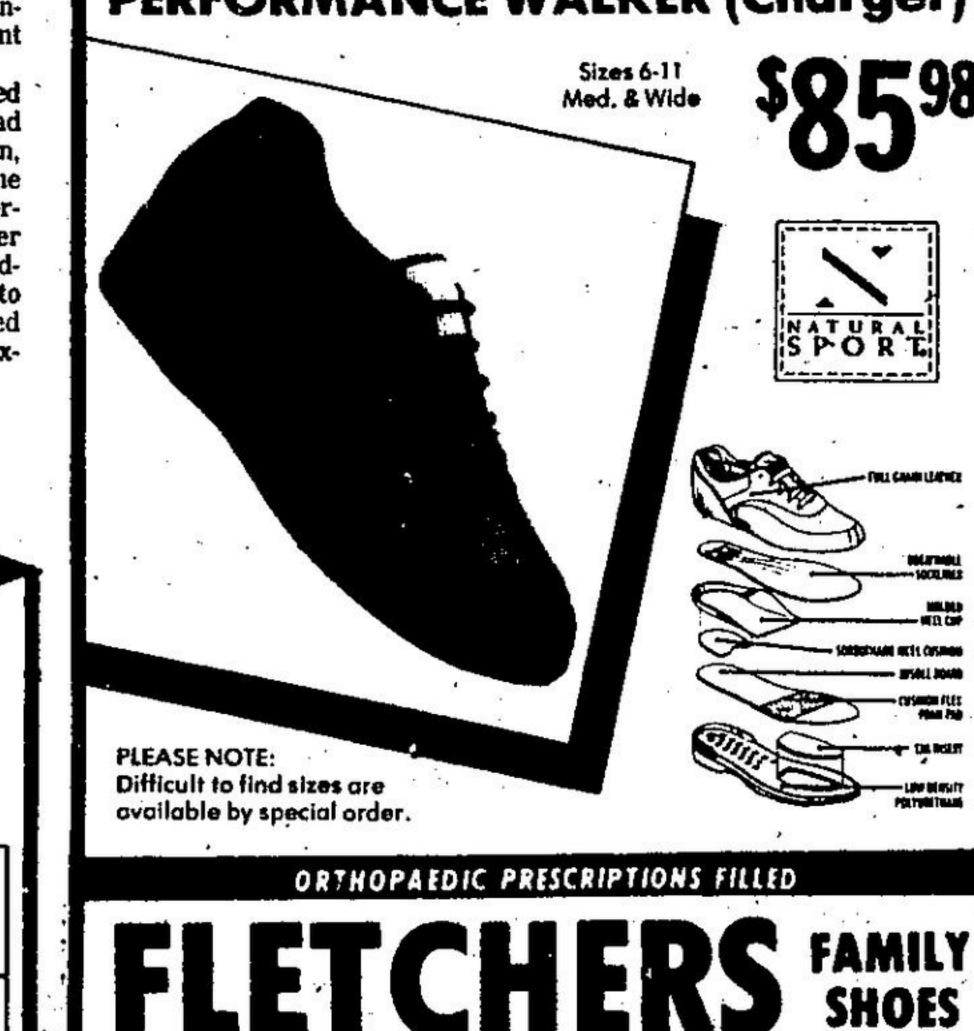
Mr. Austin told councillors that as far as he was concerned the Town was following the process for road reconstruction approval according to the appropriate Ontario Ministry of Environment legislation.

Concerni: g the now cancelled public meeting to unveil the road reconstruction preferred design, the brief suggests that the meeting wasn't properly advertised in the local media. In other words, the existence of two landfills located in proximity to Maple Avenue' was not included in the public notices, the brief explains.

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